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19. (New) The support device according to Claim 13 wherein the structural element comprises a common base structure and wherein the at least one elongate support member comprises a plurality of discrete elongate support members that are each supported by the common base structure in a generally parallel arrangement.

20. (New) The support device according to Claim 19 wherein each discrete elongate support member includes a plurality of guide-and-positioning elements that are axially spaced apart from each other along the length of each discrete elongate support member.

21. (New) The support device according to Claim 20 wherein each guide-and-positioning element comprises an arcuate feature that is adapted to be positioned only along one side of the vehicle component.

22. (New) A tray apparatus adapted to transport a plurality of vehicle wheel components comprising:

a base structure;

a plurality of first discrete support members supported by the base structure wherein each first discrete support member comprises a rectangular plate; and

a plurality of first positioning elements formed on each of the first discrete support members wherein each first positioning element comprises an arcuate feature that is positioned to be adjacent to only one side of a vehicle wheel component.

23. (New) The tray apparatus according to claim 22 wherein each rectangular plate has a length that is substantially greater than a width.

24. (New) The tray apparatus according to claim 23 wherein the first discrete support members are parallel to each other when positioned on the base structure.

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25. (New) The tray apparatus according to claim 24 wherein vehicle wheel components are adapted to be placed laterally between adjacent first discrete support members, such that one first positioning element on one first discrete support member is on one side of a vehicle wheel component and another first positioning element on an adjacent first discrete support member is on an opposite side of the vehicle wheel component.

26. (New) The tray apparatus according to claim 22 including a plurality of second discrete support members each comprising a rectangular plate and adapted to be supported by the vehicle wheel components after the vehicle wheel components have been placed on the plurality of first discrete support members, and a plurality of second positioning elements formed on each of the second discrete support members wherein each second positioning element comprises an arcuate feature that is positioned to be adjacent to only one side of the vehicle wheel component, and wherein each rectangular plate of the first and second discrete support members have a length that is substantially greater than a width.

27. (New) The tray apparatus according to claim 26 wherein the first and second discrete support members are parallel to each other when supported by the base structure with the plurality of second discrete support members being vertically spaced above the plurality of first discrete support members.

28. (New) The tray apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the vehicle wheel components comprises a first set of wheel components and a second set of wheel components with each wheel component from the first set of wheel components being adapted to be placed laterally between adjacent first discrete support members, such that one first positioning element on one first discrete support member is on one side of a first wheel component from the first set of wheel components and another first positioning element on an adjacent first discrete support member is on an opposite side of the first wheel component; and

wherein each wheel component from the second set of wheel components is adapted to be placed laterally between adjacent second discrete support members, such that one second

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positioning element on one second discrete support member is on one side of a second wheel component from the second set of wheel components and another second positioning element on an adjacent second discrete support member is on an opposite side of the second wheel component.

29. (New) The tray apparatus according to claim 28 including a plurality of third positioning elements formed on each of the second discrete support members opposite from the plurality of second positioning elements wherein each third positioning element comprises an arcuate feature that is positioned to be adjacent to only one side of a vehicle wheel component from a third set of wheel components.

30. (New) The tray apparatus according to claim 22 wherein the plurality of first discrete support members comprises at least four discrete support members.